पूरी हो सकें, उनकी आय और जीवन स्तर में बढ़ोतरी हो सके ।

Vacancies of Secretaries at the central Secretariat level

*117. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of vacancies of Secretaries which exist at the Central Secretariat level at present ;

(b) for how long these vacancies have been existing ; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in filling these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supply of liquor/beer to army by Mohan Meakins Ltd.

*118. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the task of supplying liquor/beer to army has been allocated to Mohan Meakins Limited recently ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Mohan Meakins have appointed M/s. Food and Feed Enterprises, Manimajra, Chandigarh as agents and they are working as middle men ; and

(c) if so, whether it is against the declared policy of Government for not having any middle man in Defence supplies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) M/s. Mohan Meakins Limited is one among 28 producers who supply IMFL, Beer and matured Rum to Canteen Stores Deptt. M/s. Mohan Meakins Limited is also one of the 54 distilleries with whom CSD has entered into Contracts for supply of ordinary Rum.

(b) An anonymous letter stating that M/s. Food and Feed Enterprises are acting as agent for M/s. Mohan Meakins Limited in their dealings with CSD has been received recently.

(c) No, Sir.

Meeting of Chief Secretaries of States

*119. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the Chief Secretaries of all States was held in Delhi on June 27, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the subjects discussed there at and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

Statement

The Conference of Chief Secretaries discussed the various issues relating to the proposal to strengthen urban local government. There was a general consensus that elections to the urban local